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Teacher Gives Views on Pupil Indifference

By Louis Golomb

(This is the second in a series of four "personal philosophy" articles by teachers. Mr. Golomb is a member of the Foreign Language Department.)

You may have heard about the much traveled couple that jumped from the 99th floor of the Empire State, still holding their airplane luggage. Just back from a trip around the world, they were despondent (simply bored to death) because there wasn't any place left to go to. You see, nobody had told them of that other trip, easy and cheap as staying home, but wonder-full as a moon journey—the voyage inside the mind. Making the mind scenic, forming and furnishing it, is the school's job. For this I became a teacher.

Casualties Seem at Peace

Do I still believe in education? Yes. Even after two World Wars, and the daily school battle over homework, and the blood-spattered report cards of last January. (The casualties seem at peace now: it's the teacher who wakes up screaming. Who failed whom?)

People the world over believe in education. One reads that the turmoil in the Congo could have been avoided if the Belgians had schooled the natives to take over from them. In Mexico, *peones* fighting their peasant revolutions shouted for "Pan y Escuelas" (Bread and Schools). And across the United States, grown-ups crowd evening schools at all levels, set their alarms to catch the TV sunrise semester and organize book clubs and study circles, eager to learn anything from astro-physics to canasta.

Best Want Least

Everybody believes in education, it seems, except those best fitted for it, whom we *must* educate—our youth. They have clean slate minds readied

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Anchor Editorial Board

Bill Butos

Standing: Joan Parisi, Doreen Bohman, Bob Battani, Janet Lande, Glenn Collins, Margaret Ekstrom, Mildred Thomas. Seated: Miss Helen P. Gerlach, adviser.

5 Receive Medals In Typing Contest

Accuracy counts!

Five Hamiltonites received medals as a result of their typing accuracy in the Second National Facit Contest in Typing, held in January.

The winners, students of Mrs. Martha Rabe and Miss Lenore Sixties Department, were Patricia Amundson, 4A1; Janet Johansen, 3A15; Lorraine Klaastad, 3B8; Georgia Neamonitis, 3A17; and Loretta Larsen, 2B16.

According to Mrs. Rabe, contests of this type help develop speed and promote accuracy. To qualify, a contestant has to submit a perfect paper in five minutes. Papers containing the greatest number of words accurately typed are judged winners.

More than 210,000 students competed for classroom honors. Approximately 7,000 papers were submitted, representing the top students in each class.

Facit is a Manhattan manufacturer of business machines.

Armed Forces Offer Careers To Coed Grads

Women can play a vital role in safeguarding the security of the United States by enlisting in one of the various corps of the armed forces. High school education or the equivalent are eligible to apply. However, applicants under twenty-one must have the written consent of their parents or guardians. All enlistees must pass both physical and mental examinations.

32,000 on Active Duty

At present, 32,000 women are on active duty. One-third are nurses, dieticians, and physical and occupational therapists. The remaining two-thirds perform varied military duties which include photography, personnel, finance, public information, aircraft traffic controls, electronics, and hospital and dental functions.

These women serve in every major military base in the United States. Overseas bases are mainly in England, Germany, France, Hawaii, Italy, the Philippines, and Okinawa.

9 Women's Divisions

The divisions of the armed forces for women are: Army, WAC, Navy, WAVES, Air Force, WAF, Coast Guard, SPAR, and Marines.

Any student interested in this field may obtain information from:

Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (MP&R)
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Anchor to Appear After Easter Week

By Sarah Jordan

The *Anchor*, Hamilton's literary magazine, will appear shortly after the Easter vacation, according to Miss Helen P. Gerlach, faculty adviser. As in previous years, it will be distributed in the English classes for fifty cents a copy.

This year's issue will consist of satirical cartoons, an answer to the homework problem, humorous articles and stories, serious and comic poetry, and some new forms of artistic expression. Each page will be illustrated with drawings or photographs. Says Miss Gerlach, "The photographs will be especially effective."

Ekstrom, Collins Head Magazine

Margaret Ekstrom and Glenn Collins are the editors-in-chief; Karin Ericksen and Janet Lande, the literary editors; Robert Battani and Doreen Bohman, the art editors.

Included in this issue will be a variety of poems: "Winter" by Laurence Smith, "The Lady" by Christopher Mante, "Reflections" and "The Summer Breeze" by Susan Dunn, and "The Song of Zive" by [illegible] Youth" by Marcy Bloom, "Always Remember" by Jeanne Hartig, and "The Chinese Flute" by Margaret Ekstrom.

Artists Do Illustrations

Illustrations have been done by the art editors and by Patrick Daly, Rita Sarant, Joan Silverstein and Igor Stipanovic.

Not only do members of the *Anchor* staff write material, they also have the task of deciding which contributions submitted by various English classes will be most enjoyed by the students.

Cast Rehearses For Spring Play

By Joan Pozonski

The Curtaintimers, under the direction of Miss Peggy Moran, are busy rehearsing the spring play, *Charley's Aunt*.

The cast is meeting three days a week in order to be set for the two performances Friday and Saturday evenings, May 19 and 20.

Richard Davis will have the title role of Charley, while Arthur Dolan will take the important part of Jack. Other members of the cast will include Jeffrey Ayd, Stephen Kaufman, Christopher Mante, Denis Christiansen, Janette Gautier, Nancy Freitas, June Gaudio, and Jocelyn Franz.

Among those who participated in last year's production of *The Royal Family*, and performing in this year's play, are Stephen Kaufman, Janette Gautier, June Gaudio and Nancy Freitas.

[illegible] is a terrifically funny play with real appeal for the student body. We hope it will be one of the best shows done in Fort Hamilton."

Janette Gautier echoed June's opinion with "the play is perfect entertainment," and added that she intends to work hard these next two months in order to give a good performance in May.

Miss Moran, who has just begun teaching here last September, said, "The next two months will be months of hard work for all concerned with the play."

Gala Annual Musicale Is Set for April 28, 29

By Marylin Ryan

The annual musicale will take place Friday and Saturday evenings, April 28 and 29.

At this traditional event, the Music Department, under the supervision of its chairman, Mr. Herbert Lessell, will feature the band, orchestra, choruses, and modern dance group.

Tickets Will Sell Fast

"We know that this festival of music will make a great appeal to the student body," said Mr. Lessell. "Judging from musicales in the past, tickets will probably be sold out well before the first performance."

Assisting the department chairman will be music teachers Mrs. Marie Salzberg and Mr. Gerald Heffron. The chairman of the Girls Health Education Department, Miss Margaret Monsen, will supervise the modern dance group.

Choruses to Perform

The mixed chorus will offer a medley from *The Sound of Music*, "The Italian Street Song," "America" by Block, "Hallelujah" from Beethoven's *Mount of Olives*, "Nocturne for Voices," and "Dry Bones."

The boys chorus will present "Lida Rose," "Laudate Nomen Domini," "I'll Take You Home Again Kathleen," the "Drinking Song" from *The Student Prince*, "Waltzing Matilda," and "Let There Be Music."

The girls chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Salzberg, will sing "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," "With a Song in My Heart," "He, Watching Over Israel," and "Let Us Break Together."

Under the baton of Mr. Heffron, the band will offer "Ensenada," "The Pilgrim Chorus," and highlights from *Gypsy*. The orchestra, also under Mr. Heffron's guidance, will present several selections.

The dancers will exhibit their talent with two numbers.

Rehearsals for the musicale began right after Christmas and have been in progress steadily. Tickets will be available shortly.

Shutterbug Butos Now in Business

Bill Butos, photography editor, whose pictures have sparked the *Pilot* since last October, is now in business.

To prepare himself for working his way through college, he is taking pictures of seniors. He charges $1.25 for a 5x7, only ten cents for a wallet size photo. Two proofs are given with each sitting. The minimum order is $2.00.

Students interested may communicate with Bill in 4B6 (Mr. Drucker) or in the *Pilot* office during the 8th period or after school (362).

Editor Says 1961 Tower Will Be One of the Best

By Lucille Clementi

Editor-in-chief of this year's *Tower*, senior yearbook, is Edith Tadross, 4A1.

With the aid of her associates, and literary and art faculty advisers respectively—Mr. George Albert and Mr. Harold Wallerstein—this senior is optimistic that the June '61 yearbook will be one of Hamilton's best.

Edith Tadross

"Particularly noteworthy," said Edith, "is that—in addition to the usual candid shots, club photos and senior celebrities—the yearbook will be enlivened by background color." There will, of course, also be the thumbnail sketches of the graduating seniors, accompanied by their pictures.

Has 94.4 Average

Although Edith is extremely active on the *Tower*, this is not her only interest. She also participates in many school and outside activities. A reporter for the *Pilot* and a member of Arista, the Pan-American Club and the Mixed Chorus, Edith has maintained a 94.4 average and ranks fourth in the senior class.

In addition to her school interest, this attractive senior is a devotee of the theatre, enjoys good music, and would love to travel abroad during her college career. "I have always wanted to see Europe and have promised myself a trip there sometime within the next four years. I would also like to tour the United States with a car—that is, if I could drive."

To Attend Post College

Edith will enter C. W. Post College in September on a full-tuition scholarship granted by the college.

She is considering majoring in English, though she likes Spanish very much too. Asked about a career, her answer was, "It may even be in the field of journalism." Her versatility and ability seem to indicate that she will make a success of whatever course she decides to pursue.

Edith is assisted on the *Tower* by Frank Masci, literary editor, and Francine Feurance, art editor.

Pilot Editors Hard at Work

Bill Butos

Vicki Halper, Jane Appel, Steve Kaufman, Glenn Collins and Richard Meltzer furiously engaged in publishing *Pilot*.

Proofreeding

By Steve Kauffmann

How immportant is proofreading? Well, simply stated, proofreeding is practically determines the sucess or faleure of a newspaper. A resent study has pruven conclusively that despite careful riting and tiping, a certain minimimum number of erors will always appear.

The task of correcting mispelled words and to correct grammer is that of the prufreader.

Suppose the ever-vigil proofredoer reads the line "Joe is a better hitter than any member of the teem." Immediately, being well-trained in how to spell and grammer, he spots this serious tecnical error. His revized sentence is obviously improved, "Joe is the best hitter of any *other* member of the team."

The prufreeder must both be responsible and meticulous in all his correcting tasks.

The *Pilot* pruphreeder is Mr. Jacob C... Sollovaay.

A plant has been found growing through a crack in the floor behind the ice-cream freezer in the cafeteria.

Mottled green and brown, it is the species *asparagus detestus*, inestimably rare. Only three other plants of this kind exist.

"We don't know what prompted the *detestus* to grow here," said Mr. Ozgood Flurbworth, curator of the Bay Ridge Botanical Gardens. "Perhaps it has something to do with the aroma of the cafeteria food."

Mr. Flurbworth said that to remove the valuable plant, which extends more than 15 feet below the school foundation, it may be necessary to excavate a large area under the floor. "Unfortunately," he said, "there may be no food sales in the cafeteria for several weeks. We hope students will be able to accept this inconvenience without too many complaints."

Rare Plant Cracks Floor

11 Rhinoceroses Roam Corridors; Hysteria Subsides

Last week the eleventh rhinoceros seen around school was reported to the main office.

As the hysteria has somewhat simmered down by now, the only point of interest is the fact that this one seemed to have two horns instead of the usual one.

After careful research on the matter, the administration has come up with three possible answers:

1. A new freshman is having some fun.
2. The cafeteria milk has gone sour.
3. There are actual rhinos here as a result of:
   a. the circus
   b. migration from the troubled Congo situation
   c. evolution

It is believed that the rhinoceroses will gather near the swimming pool; consequently all students are cautioned to keep away from that area.

Psychos Study Sigmund Fraud; Examine Egos

As their project for the year, the Psychology Club has undertaken the study of Sigmund Fraud.

In a wide-range survey, the members plan to discuss the basic conflicts of the ego, id, super-ego, superid, and super-dooper.

As an introduction to psychoanalysis, club members are reading *It's Fun to Be Crazy* by U. R. Two, *Count Your Complexes* by I. Knead Therapy, and *You Can Blame It All on Your Mother* by Oedipus Rex.

In stating the goals of the club, the president said, "We psycho members believe that most people are crazy. What we are actually trying to define are the symptoms of *normalcy*. As yet we have not been able to find a subject who has the qualifications."

The club's motto is: From egghead to light-head.

The Editors Bequeath . . .

By Jane Appel

We, the editors of the *Pilot*, being of unsound minds and somewhat sound bodies, do hereby bequeath the items listed below to the recipients specified:

French Department: A pair of adenoids to improve our pronunciation.
English Department: A Rite-em-Right spelling pen that never errs.
Biology Department: One dead frog.
Chemistry Department: A bottle of Florient to remove odors.
Spanish Department: The Cuban problem.
German Department: The Berlin situation.
Latin Department: A pony that never grows up.
Art Department: A broken crayon.
Math Department: A bunch of squares.
Gym Department: Monkey bars.
Custodian: One faucet drip.
Emergency Room: A lie-detector.
Curtaintimers: Props to hold the actors up.
Anchor: Next year's best seller.

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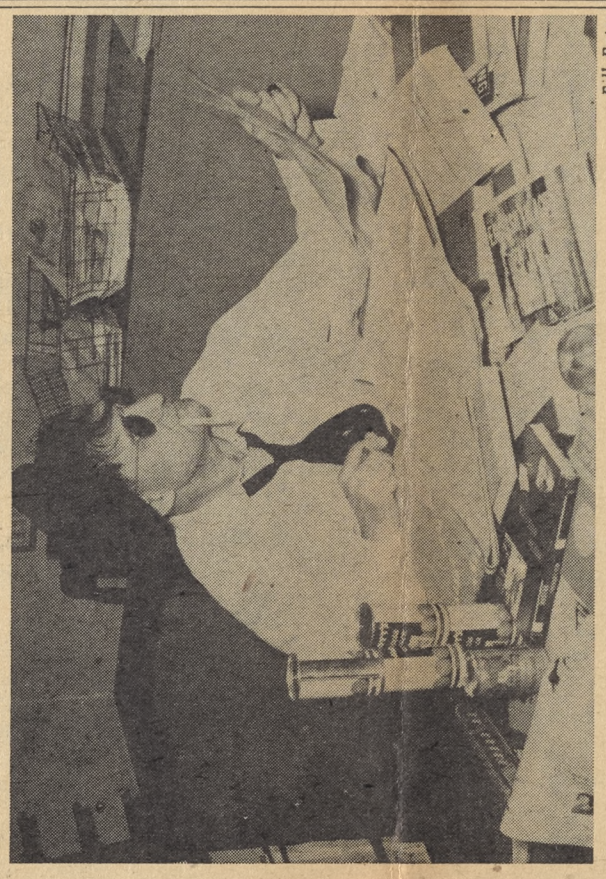


Bill Butos

Mr. Solovay at his immaculate desk.

Leering Interview Sends Reporter Off in Flight

By Glenn Collins

"Come in, come in," Mr. Solovay yelled heartily as I opened the door of the *Pilot* office. His desk, in the circle of light cast by a single unshaded bulb overhead, was the only lighted area in the room's perpetual inky gloom.

"Glad to see you, m'boy!" Mr. Solovay clapped me vigorously on the back, and I collapsed on a pile of dusty newsprint heaped in front of his desk. "O.K., Scoop, what's the story?"

After the initial back-slapping, he had continued working without glancing at me. I was just as glad, for he terrified me.

"Well, Mr. Solovay . . ."

A Challenging Assignment

He peered at me from under his very dark glasses, and his wickedly gleaming blue pencil stopped slashing at a story on his desk. "Go on, m'boy! Speak up! There's freedom of the press here!"

I took a deep breath. "Well, I've been on the *Pilot* for a while, Mr. Solovay, but I've just received my—my most *challenging* assignment. You see, Mr. Solovay, sir, the editors want me to—to—" I mopped my perspiring brow. "I'm supposed to interview *you*," I croaked hoarsely.

Adviser Is Shocked

He looked shocked, then angry. I cringed as he furiously puffed at the long cigarette which hadn't been lit in years. His eyes glowed like living coals. "Me? *Interviewed?*" He poised his pencil menacingly in my general direction. "The *faculty adviser* of a high school newspaper *interviewed?*"

I gulped and began shivering under his steady gaze. The sound of furious typing somewhere in the blackness behind me only made my heart beat faster.

Escape to Freedom

Suddenly, his attention was diverted by a huge moth which began floating around the unshaded bulb. Seizing the opportunity, I blundered blindly away from him through the blackness and reached the door.

Mr. Solovay was peering at me evilly. Then, slowly, as I watched, his mouth twitched into a grin and he began to chuckle. Moments later, roaring with laughter too, I left the office and reeled happily down the hall.

Editorial Bored

Cosmetic Adviser ..... JANE APPEL
Gossip Columnist ..... VICKI HALPER
Court Jester ..... GLENN COLLINS
Tiddly-winks Coach ..... RICHARD MELTZER
Disjointed Editor ..... STEVE KAUFMAN
Flash Gordon ..... BILL BUTOS
Great White Daddy-O ..... JACOB C. SOLOVAY

Aunt Mehitabel

By Susan Hirsch

Dear Aunt Mehitabel,

I am fifteen, pretty, and could have all the boy friends I wanted. But this is not my problem. My problem is that I don't want them, because I am madly in love with my geometry teacher.

He is middle-aged, married, and square, but I love him. When he recites the fourteen required theorems, my heart stops beating and I feel all tingling inside. I love him madly. What can I do?

Typical Teen

Dear Typical:

Your problem is obviously just a case of hero-worship which you will outgrow. Why not try going to your teacher and telling him your problem? I know he'll understand and try to help you find yourself.

You said your heart stops and you tingle. That worries me. Are you sure your circulation is normal?

Aunt Mehitabel

Dear Aunt Mehitabel,

For the past week, whenever I go near the biology laboratory, I see strange-looking animals. They look like baby dinosaurs. I think I'm having hallucinations, because no one ever notices them but me.

I told my parents, but they think it's just a new trick to get more allowance. Please tell me what to do.

Crazy Mixed-up Kid

Dear Crazy Mixed-Up:

Are your baby dinosaurs chartreuse with red and white polka dots? If so please contact me for the name of my analyst.

I haven't seen them for two months, and I'm sorry you're stuck with them. Try to pass them on to some other sucker, or send them to me. They're really quite cute.

Aunt Mehitabel

Cynthia Loveless Divorced From 7th

Cynthia Loveless, national syndicated columnist under the pseudonym of Aunt Mehitabel, was divorced by her seventh husband, John Q. W. Smith, master plumber, yesterday in Reno.

At a news conference, Miss Loveless said she couldn't explain his wanting a divorce, just like the rest of her husbands.

Mr. Smith explained, however, that it was because she didn't understand him, and her advice never worked.

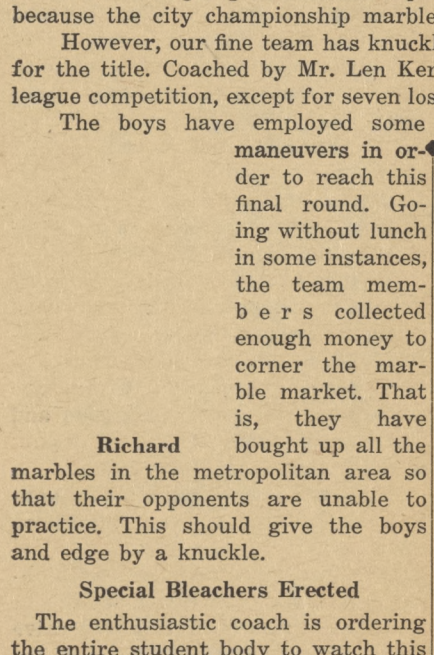
• Sports Wreck •

By Richard Meltzer

We're not going to Madison Square Garden this year. But this is only because the city championship marbles match is not played at the Garden.

However, our fine team has knuckled down and is definitely in contention for the title. Coached by Mr. Len Kernel, the squad has gone undefeated in league competition, except for seven losses.

The boys have employed some very skillful offensive manners—er, maneuvers in order to reach this final round. Going without lunch in some instances, the team members collected enough money to corner the marble market. That is, they have bought up all the marbles in the metropolitan area so that their opponents are unable to practice. This should give the boys and edge by a knuckle.



Richard

Special Bleachers Erected

The enthusiastic coach is ordering the entire student body to watch this great championship event. To accommodate the expected sell-out crowd, special bleachers have been erected in the Hamilton Coliseum—er, stadium. Well, anyway, the lot on Shore Road and 83 Street. See you there!

An interesting sidelight on the season is that our hulking ace Left Back, Harold "Nikita" Kerinskovy, has been named to the 1984 All-City team. Congratulations to you, Nicky. You're smoother than agates!

Nok-Hockey Time

With the passing of the marble season, we are confronted by another sports season. Yes, fans, it's Nok-Hockey time again, and this year's squad is bigger and better than ever. Coach Melvin E. Caznofski (Nok Caznо) predicts another great year . . . if someone will only try out for the team.

Advanced ticket sales have gone way over the expected 35¢ mark, and the coach is desperate for some players lest he have to return the money to the customers. "This type of good, clean sport should help develop a strong body, not to mention a weak mind," pontificated our philosophic coach.

Rip 'Em Off!

It has come to your editor's attention that there are a few boys walking through the streets wearing Fort Hamilton Varsity Nok-Hockey jackets, on which are inscribed "City Champions." Mr. Caznofski has ordered them to refrain from wearing these jackets.

Explained our noble coach, "We were **not** the City Champions last year; in fact, we didn't even have a team last year."

Anyone for Nok-Hockey?

Gone to Pot

Bill Butos

Vicki Halper interviews potted plant for story on how to do things from ground up.

College-Bound?

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approximately three days, I concluded that it is more important to have good followers than good leaders. After all, anyone can lead, but greater success lies in *following*.

Mr. M. My gosh! I never thought of that! What we need is more followers! Brilliant, simply brilliant!

B. It was nothing, sir.

Mr. M. Don't be modest, m'boy. You have to stand up for your rights. Let me see you stand up.

B. Stand up?

Mr. M. Yes, stand up!

B. (stands up). Like this, sir?

Mr. M. Perfect, m'boy, perfect. (looks at watch) Well, m'boy, I like people with whom I can agree. I never did get along with that fellow Einstein. Now, if you just tell your father to send in a contribution—oh, in the neighborhood of $50,000—feel assured you've been accepted.

B. Thank you sir, it's been a pleasure.

Mr. M. The pleasure is all mine, m'boy. See you around, eh?

Is It a Fact?

By Seth Charney

Verrazano came to Bay Ridge in 1524 to set up a Pizzeria.

The G.O. Council voted unanimously to have Fort Hamilton High School students attend school Easter Week and Independence Day to make up for days lost as a result of the great snowfalls of 1947 and the blizzard of 1888.

The New York Public Library's main branch at 42nd Street welcomes with open arms high school students to its main reference rooms.

On April 1, for one day only, the G.O. store will sell answer books at only 25¢ each. According to Mr. I. Sosceles, experienced math teacher,

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student ever learning to draw stick figures.

Lunch: Course in eating habits of aboriginal tribes, better known as cannibalism, meeting on third Friday after the second Monday of every month. Will promote competitive spirit because student with lowest mark at end of year becomes first meal prepared according to art of ancient cookery.

Art: Independent study by students of (1) paintings hung in Fort Hamilton's hallways, (2) modern art paintings by female monkeys in Boston zoo, or (3) probability of

For Art Lovers

Gym: Yoga or South Cambodian sword dancing to develop muscles in the feet.

Music: Half-year of studying drum chants from ancient to modern times. History of first tappings to bongo drums (study of latest improvements held off campus at beat coffee house).

Emphasis on Language

Language: Most widely used languages to enable student to study abroad: either (1) four years Sanskrit or, (2) 3 years, 2 months of Aleutian Eskimo.

Science: One year of seismology or two years of archeology (includes field trips to ancient tombs with Boris Karloff).

History: Study of 23rd century in retrospect, including teaching of use of time machine developed in the "Twilight Zone."

English: 4 years of slang; including beat, bop, waterfront, lower Brooklyn, upper Brooklyn, and outer Hoboken, to promote communication between man and his neighbor.

Mathematics: One year, these choices: (1) Numbers from 1 to 10 (college preparatory only), provides basic knowledge in adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing from 1 to 10. (2) Advanced calculus for student interested only in bare essentials of math. (3) Bookkeeping for future embezzlers.

Off the Griddle

Required and elective courses will be offered, if the school desires them. The folowing have been suggested:

After taking a long, serious look at the curricula offered by New York City schools, the Board of Education has decided that it's time for a change. "The present courses do not prepare students to meet life in the world their parents have made," said a high-ranking official above the mayor. "We have changed the curricula accordingly. The new approach is now being tested in Fort Hamilton High School."

By Susan Hirsch

School to Offer Courses For Unfit to Get Fit(s)

Bill Butos

Jane Appel holds Steve Kaufman's head while Glenn Collins and Mr. Solovay point instructions for editing job on circulation manager. Vicki Halper smiles approvingly as Richard Melzer wields saw.

Editing the Editor

'enry Tardy Wins No Bell Prize

Fort Hamilton's No Bell Prize has been awarded to senior 'enry Tardy for being late exactly 911 days out of 912.

'enry explained at the award ceremony the reason for his early arrival. He had slept through the eighth period and so was locked in school until classes next morning.

Alumnus, '09

Richard Borucki

Is It a Fact?

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"The geometry answer books are the best books since Euclid's *Elements*."

The public address system is being wired to the sound track of the Dyker Theatre.

College-Bound? Here's How It Is Dunn!

(*a dialog*)

By Susan Dunn

SECRETARY. Mr. Mann will see you now.

BOY. Thank you.

S. (enters office). Mr. Mann, this is Paul Fairbrook, a future college boy.

Mr. M. (who has a modern, intelligent sense of values). How do you do, m'boy?

B. I'm doing very well, sir. How are you doing?

Mr. M. That's what we like here, m'boy, straightforward answers. Now, suppose we get down to brass tacks.

B. I'm all for brass tacks, sir.

Mr. M. Good to hear it, m'boy. Now, would you like to tell me why you selected our university?

B. To tell the truth . . .

Mr. M. We always want the truth!

B. Well, sir, I want contacts.

Mr. M. Good, straightforward answer, m'boy.

B. Yes, sir. Nowadays, in this troubled world of ours, there's nothing like prestige.

Mr. M. That's what we're all here for, heh, heh.

B. Heh, heh.

Mr. M. Do you know what you want to do when you leave these ivied halls?

B. I don't quite understand, sir.

Mr. M. Never hesitate to say that, m'boy. I guess I was a little vague. In other words, m'boy, what do you want out of life?

B. Money, sir.

Mr. M. Ah, that magical word. Glad to hear it, m'boy. You don't know how happy I am that we still have some normal, down-to-earth people.

B. I'm glad you approve, sir.

Mr. M. Yes, I can see you're fine material.

B. Thank you, sir.

Mr. M. Do you have any questions?

B. Well, sir . . .

Mr. M. Yes, m'boy?

B. Well, sir, I wanted to know the ratio of leaders and followers.

Mr. M. I'm afraid I don't quite get that, m'boy.

B. After doing intensive research for

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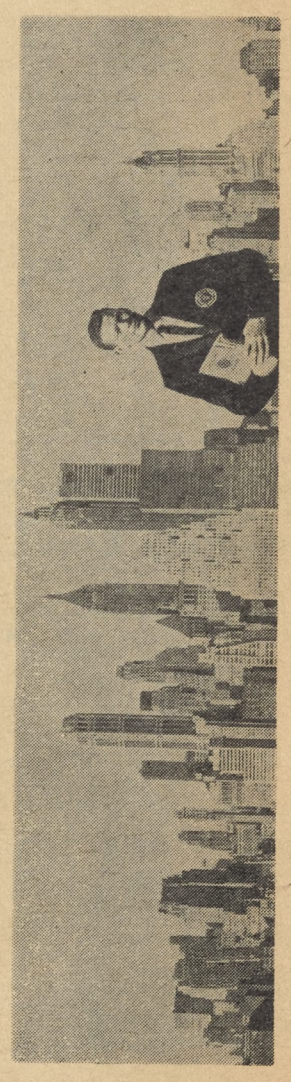

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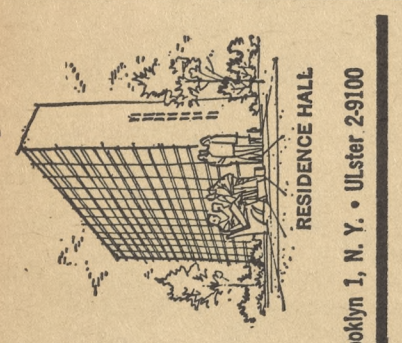

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Social Studies Teacher Retires

Among the several teachers who retired in January after many years of service at Fort Hamilton is Mrs. Ruth Swahn, former member of the Social Studies Department.

One of the pioneers, Mrs. Swahn entered this school in 1941. She served for twenty years in many important capacities, in addition to fulfilling her duties as a social studies teacher.

In 1948, during Miss Frances Hennessy's sabbatical leave, she acted as department chairman. A grade adviser from 1954 to 1961, Mrs. Swahn also served as faculty adviser of the Minutemen Club.

Said Miss Hennessy, "Mrs. Swahn was an earnest and enthusiastic teacher who always held her pupils to the highest standards of achievement."

Mrs. Swahn and her husband, who retired from Fort Hamilton last February, expect to make a trip to the South next month.

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Bio Researchers Work on Problems

The members of the Biology Research Class, under the direction of Miss Evelyn Morholt, chairman of the Biology Department, meet daily in the laboratory period 5.

They do individual work on a problem in some area of biology that interests them, and plan an experiment connected with it.

Miss Morholt says, "This is a class for students who are deeply interested in biology and want to major in science in college."

Experiments are already underway — from training snails to go through a maze, to measuring the effects of gibberellic acid on plants.

These future Pasteurs and Curies receive one major credit for a year's work. Biology is a prerequisite for the course.

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Girls Present Dance Assembly

The Girls Health Education Department staged two assembly programs early this month to show the development of rhythms over the years in the health education curriculum. Senior Dimi Stevenson acted as narrator.

Among the various types demonstrated were: charleston, tap, interpretive, jitterbug, and square.

The program ended with a typically American Jessie Polka square and some modern dance techniques.

All members of the department instructed the performers and helped supervise the program under the direction of Miss Margaret Monsen, chairman of the Girls Health Education Department.

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Attend 7 Sisters College Conference

Seven Hamiltonites attended a Seven Sisters College Conference Friday, February 24. The purpose of this conference was to give special information to high school students who plan to attend one of these colleges.

The Seven Sisters are: Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Mount Holyoke, Radcliffe, Smith, Vassar and Wellesley. Alumnae from these colleges were on hand to discuss their respective institutions and answer questions.

Mrs. Mary Catania, a member of the Foreign Language Department, is college coordinator.

Mr. Golomb

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by nature for speedy learning and lasting impression. And the slate too often stays blank beyond the ABC's and 3R's or gets badly garbled.

It's nothing new, this resistance to discipline and responsibility: from Shakespeare's "whining schoolboy creeping like snail unwilling" to the faltering footfalls of Fort Hamiltonites. Only, today Shakespeare's clowns and clods also are coming to class, and what shall we do with them?

Scared Along the Way

The teacher who is daily buffeted by the tide of apathy must wonder. What changed bright young things, exploding with verve and imagination, into classroom dullards? Part of it is, they got scared along the way: of the long word, the fat book, the demanding teacher. Though some may hide their fear by playing tough or by saying, "I just don't like . . ." (the subject, the teacher, the school, etc.).

One also hears: "The teacher don't like me." But to survive as teachers, we have to like kids. We no more dislike them than their mirror does: we only reflect for them what they bring to us. What they mean, perhaps, is that we don't love them, forgivingly, like their parents.

The Fun Virus

Blame parents, teachers, entertainment as a national pastime, or the Bomb — but the I-wanna-have-fun-Life-is-a-ball virus has infected the schools. Even our brightest are not immune. They shy away from honors classes, and there too the back-drag is felt.

To those who welcome the challenge, I teach foreign language. I have always felt that a one-language person lives in a one-room house, that a second language doubles your living space. Just as no two individuals are alike, so do peoples, even of common racial origin, diverge and differentiate themselves.

From Fear to Enchantment

In the animal kingdom, the stranger is an object of fear. The sense of his foreign words is translatable, but not his essence, his "soul." The mystery of fear can be turned into enchantment when we make direct contact through language and literature, when we enter that other room, if only to say *Buenas dias* or sing "Alouette."

"Do your students get much past these preliminaries?" asks the skeptic. The criticism, if valid, holds equally for other subjects. The academic high school is essentially a *porte entr'ouverte*, an opening door, through which the student may glimpse the higher maths, the pure and applied sciences, the arts, the great world literatures.

Teach Kids—What?

This can be pretty frustrating to the teacher who sometimes is tempted to imitate that runaway 4th Avenue bus driver. After years of traveling the same streets, past the same buildings, the same stops and lights, he tore up his schedule one day and carried passengers all the way across town, over the bridge and into Manhattan. Perhaps the schools of the future will likewise tear up syllabi and just teach kids. But what?

First, the basic lesson. That life is not a ball to be danced through, not a spectacle like TV or a Rose Bowl game. That living is an art, a creative act. Which may sound kind of dull to the fun seeker who knows *joy* only as the name of a detergent.

All right, dear children, let's put it simply, by an equation. Here's the secret formula, right out of the lab, not for a cleanser or shampoo but against that killer, boredom: Work+Joy=Play.

2 Reps Named In Bohack Race

Margaret V. Ekstrom and Stephen Kaufman, seniors and honor students, have been named to represent our school in the $5,000 Bohack college scholarship awards competition.

They will compete with seniors nominated by other high schools in Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk counties for the two $1,000 and six $500 scholarships.

The boy and girl winners of the $1,000 prizes will receive a bonus award of an all-expenses-paid trip to Colonial Williamsburg, Va., with their parents.

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Official Praises 2 Poster Winners

Two Hamiltonites are proudly displaying to their friends personal letters of congratulation from New York State Comptroller Arthur Levitt in recognition of their artistic achievement.

They are Marion Yost, 2A3, top prize winner in the Brotherhood Poster Contest, Bay Ridge Division; and Francine Feurance, 4B10, first prize winner.

Comptroller Levitt congratulated them, saying that they had proved their ability and talent for art work. "Their parents should be very proud of their achievement."

4000 Teenagers to Die On Highways This Year

By Glenn Collins

We are all tired of the constant warning interruptions on radio and T.V., "The life you save may be your own." Most of us are irritated by endless newspaper photos of gory auto accidents and by the "holiday accident predictions," which are meaningless numbers to many young drivers today.

Here are some facts that are not meaningless: the automobile has destroyed more Americans than all the wars we have fought since the first shots of the Revolutionary War. This year's auto accident toll will be 38,000 lives—the size of a good crowd at a major-league baseball game.

4,000 Teenagers to Die

Four thousand teenagers (more than the population of this school) will be murdered on the highways this year. One of these could very well be you, if you drive or will soon drive a car.

But there is no deep, dark secret about avoiding auto accidents. In a recent article in the New York Times Magazine, Abraham Ribicoff, the new Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, and former governor of safety-conscious Connecticut, outlined the main reasons for highway fatalities.

Speeding and Alcohol

The two biggest causes of highway slaughter are speeding and drunken driving. Seventy per cent of all highway deaths happen that way.

Another hazard of modern highway driving is falling asleep at the wheel. Straight, smooth highways and comfortable modern cars have made this very common recently. Drivers are advised to pull over to the side and catch forty winks instead of trying to make that extra forty miles.

Of course, a smoothly-working auto is essential on modern, highspeed roads.

Therefore, to survive on the highways, motorists are urged not to (1) speed, (2) drink if driving, (3) drive when tired, (4) neglect the car. These simple rules may mean the difference between life and death for driver and passengers.

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